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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KOCHER, JOHANNES

Examiner

Jonathan Salata

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9-17-04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. Claims 1-15 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The cited art of record does not teach or reasonably suggest the combination of a door (auxiliary release) mechanism which is prevented from actuation during normal operating condition but permitted only in the case of temporary blocking device in the path of travel of an elevator car in a hoistway.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. It should be brief but technically accurate and descriptive, preferably from two to seven words. See 37 CFR 1.72(a).

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The drawings are objected to because the blank rectangular boxes and/or merely numbered boxes of figures 6, 13, 16 must be labeled. Conventional features disclosed in the description and claims, where their detailed illustration is not essential for a proper understanding of the invention, should be illustrated in the form of a graphical drawing symbol or a labeled representation (e.g., a labeled rectangular box). see 37 CFR 1.83(a). It is further pointed out that merely numbering the boxes is not considered an appropriate label. Structural elements which can be understood by conventional graphical drawing elements are not required to be labeled. Electronic elements enclosed in a "black box" require consulting the text of the specification and thus require labeling. If the box is too small to label, an appropriate label with an arrow pointing towards the box is acceptable. Correction is required.

An IDS was filed by applicant on 3-1-04 which states a PTO 1449 was present. None can be found in applicants filed specification and a duplicate is requested.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Macuga and Sanservero illustrate a blocking device and detection system. Foelix illustrate a similar combination of door actuator/blocking device but must actuate the door release in operating mode to allow access to the blocking element.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 2months from the date of this letter.

Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

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Any inquiry of a **general nature** should be directed to the **Group receptionist** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2800**.

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Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 2800 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 2800 via the PTO 2800 Fax Center. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 O.G. 30 (November 15, 1989). The Fax Center number is (571) 273-8300.

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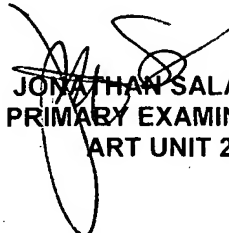
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Any inquiry concerning **this communication or earlier communications from the examiner** should be directed to **Jonathan Salata** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2073**. The examiner does not have as detailed access as the previously listed numbers with regard to status or general problem solving. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lincoln Donovan, can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 27.

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January 17, 2007


JONATHAN SALATA
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